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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 13 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-14-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 13 extends set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be opened in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections (Figure 1) of the Upper Subdistrict 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013 and from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013.

The Optimal Escapement Goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 360,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof River sonar through 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 18. In the Kenai River, the inriver (sonar) goal is 1,000,000–1,200,000 fish. The most current estimate of passage through 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 18, shows that nearly 750,000 sockeye salmon have passed the sockeye salmon sonar site in the Kenai River.

Sockeye salmon harvest has been relatively strong during the fishing period on July 18. An extension in fishing time for Upper Subdistrict set gillnets and Central District drift gillnets is expected to result in additional harvest of both Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon.

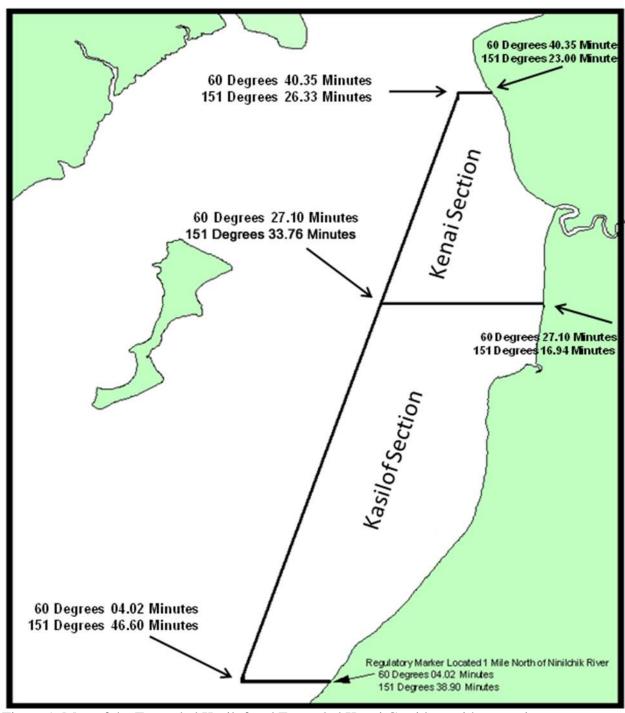


Figure 1. Map of the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Corridors with waypoints.